

Today's News - Wednesday, November 17, 2010

EDITOR'S NOTE: Apologies for missed posting yesterday - the technology gods were not on our side (it happens).

- It looks like Foster's Las Vegas hotel could be imploded; and it seems the architect, who "reportedly isn't happy with the outcome," won't mind (the project is no longer on his website).
- The battle continues to brew over proposed changes to Pelli's Winter Garden in Lower Manhattan - grand stairway-cum-amphitheater be damned (but temporary stage and seating for events - dinky folding chairs included?).
- Baillieu almost fell off her bike "with shock" at the sight of Chipperfield's Turner Contemporary in Margate: "I mistakenly thought was a half finished hotel complex" (and the failed Snøhetta/Spence design? a "huge opportunity that's been lost").
- King cheers on the "younger greens" rejecting "old ideas about urbanity": Manhattanization can be a good thing - in the right places.
- West wonders why "regular Joes" don't get that we're actually destroying the planet: "Design has been so focused on making things better that we have neglected to use our talents to show what is bad."
- Now there's proof that green-rated office buildings make more greenbacks, scoring higher rents and sale prices than non-green.
- Zacks takes a long look at the Syracuse CoE and its role in reviving the struggling Rust Belt city: "What's exceptional is the extent to which the building anchors a larger vision for the city and the neighborhood" (and what a line-up to get things done!).
- UCSF breaks ground on a new and oh-so-green \$1.5 billion medical center.
- A look at pro's, con's, and rebuttals re: the three "drastically" varied shortlisted proposals for Hong Kong's West Kowloon Cultural District.
- An eyeful of Hadid's £100 million Rabat Grand Theatre in Morocco (it looks very Zaha) + she's the first to top FT Women at the Top "award for excellence outside the corporate arena": is she worried that the 'new age of austerity' in Britain, will hurt demand for her kind of architecture? "I don't have much work here" (but she is worried about young architects just starting out).
- Bernstein on how Gehry "became an accidental real estate developer" and his role in redeveloping SOM's Inland Steel Building in Chicago (reception desk included).
- Anderton offers lively conversations with those who know re: reconsidering the Cadillac, a Beijing-LA alliance to fight traffic, and Belzberg's take on how "design and architecture contribute to the understanding of the genocide."
- Gruber is struck by the "lovefest" he witnessed at Corner's presentation for a Santa Monica park: he expected many "would decry en masse anything that wasn't a flat lawn. But the opposite has been true."
- Fisher suggests that landscape architects should examine Olmsted's "often-overlooked path" in the mid-19th century to "see where the field might venture in the 21st century."
- Drenttel and Lasky report on the Winterhouse Symposium on Design Education and Social Change: Challenges. Conclusions. Next Steps.
- Buffalo's next generation of starchitects are starting in high school: "Looks like we know where Cooper Union's class of 2018 is right now."
- 59 "audacious" designs take top honors in the 2010 Spark Design & Architecture Awards.
- Call for entries: 2011 Richard Kelly Grant to encourage creativity in the use of light (U.S., Canada, Mexico).

To subscribe to the free daily newsletter [click here](#)

[MGM Could Implore Unopened CityCenter Hotel in Las Vegas: The unopened Harmon Hotel...is being targeted for demolition...lopped...nearly in half in January 2009 as part of a money saving measure...Foster reportedly isn't happy with the outcome...the project is no longer listed on the architect's web site. -- Foster + Partners - Engineering News-Record \(ENR\)](#)

[Fight Brews at Pelli's Winter Garden Stair: World Financial Center stair removal stirs opposition while supporters insist pedestrian traffic warrants redesign -- Cesar Pelli/Rafael Pelli/Pelli Clarke Pelli \[images\] - The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Chipperfield's Turner Contemporary is no oil painting: Only when people realise what could have built in Margate will they understand the huge opportunity that's been lost...People won't remember the Snøhetta/Spence design but I can't help feeling that they should because only then will they realise what's been lost. By Amanda Baillieu \[images\] - BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Younger greens reject old ideas about urbanity: More and more, there's a disconnect between the established view of how we should grow, and the values of people who weren't even born when activists first battled "Manhattanization"... "We've gone from mostly saying 'no' to saying 'yes - in the right places' "... By John King - San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[Why Don't Regular Joes Care About Sustainability? Day by day, there's no visceral sense that we're actually destroying the planet...Design has been so focused on making things better that we have neglected to use our talents to show what is bad. By Harry West/Continuum - Fast Company](#)

[Non-Green Office Buildings Sacrifice 8% in Rent Revenues: ...the most comprehensive statistical analysis to date on the relative value of green and conventional buildings...found that the benefits of energy efficiency alone and LEED's broader sustainability metrics are both "fully capitalized into rents and asset values." - BuildingGreen.com](#)

[Urban Intervention: The Syracuse Center of Excellence helps lay the foundation for the revitalization of a struggling Rust Belt city...What's exceptional is the extent to which the building anchors a larger vision for the city and the neighborhood... By Stephen Zacks -- Toshiko Mori with the local firm Ashley McGraw; Mark Robbins; Anna Dyson; Rick Cook/Cook + Fox/Terrapin Bright Green; Richard Gluckman; Susannah Drake; Jared Della Valle/Della Valle Bernheimer/ARO; Onion Flats; Olin; Barton & Loguidice; James Corner Field Operations/Clear; Pentagram; Tillett Lighting \[images\] - Metropolis Magazine](#)

[UCSF Breaks Ground on Sustainably Designed Medical Center: University of California in San Francisco celebrated the groundbreaking for a \\$1.5 billion state-of-the-art sustainably designed medical center in the city's Mission Bay area. -- William McDonough + Partners; Anshen + Allen \[images, links\] - GreenBiz.com](#)

[What's Next for Hong Kong's Cultural District: Of the three proposed designs, which one should be selected \[for the\] West Kowloon Cultural District...proposals in contention vary drastically...Pros. Cons. The Rebuttal -- Foster + Partners; Rocco Design Architects; Office for Metropolitan Architecture/OMA \[slide show\] - Wall Street Journal](#)

[Zaha Hadid reveals £100 million Rabat Grand Theatre plans in Morocco: ...being hailed as a centrepiece of the development of the 6,000 ha Bouregreg Valley in the heart of the Moroccan capital. \[images\] - The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Hadid wins FT Women at the Top's first-ever award for excellence outside the corporate arena: ...\[she\] worried that a new age of austerity, particularly evident in Britain, will kill off demand for her kind of architecture? "I'm sure there will be an impact on the profession in a very big way but I don't have much work here"...although she is worried about the young architects just starting out in their careers. - Financial Times \(UK\)](#)

[Frank Gehry \(a Part Owner\) Helps Develop a Landmark: ...owns a 5% stake in the Inland Steel Building in Chicago. A new developer took over renovations...The story of how the architect became an accidental real estate developer... By Fred A. Bernstein -- Walter Netsch/Bruce Graham/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(1958\); Stephen Aking; SOM - New York Times](#)

[DnA/Frances Anderton: The Cadillac Reconsidered](#); [LAMOTH/Museum of the Holocaust ReRooted, Permanently](#); [Beijing-LA Alliance to Fight Traffic](#) -- [Niki Smart](#); [Paul Taylor](#); [Hagy Belzberg](#) [images, links] - [KCRW \(Los Angeles\)](#)

I'll take some of that Utopia with the Arcadia, Please: ...lead designer James Corner presented his team's plans, and rarely have I seen such a lovefest for a plan in Santa Monica...I expected that "open space" fanatics and the "sleepy beach town" crowd would decry en masse anything that wasn't a flat lawn. But the opposite has been true. By [Frank Gruber](#) -- [James Corner Field Operations](#) - [The Lookout News \(Santa Monica, CA\)](#)

[Frederick Law Olmsted and the Campaign for Public Health](#): ...served as the general secretary of the United States Sanitary Commission...set an example that landscape architects might follow in the future. To see where the field might venture in the 21st century...it is illuminating to chart an often-overlooked path that he pioneered in the mid-19th century. By [Thomas Fisher](#) [images] - [Places Journal](#)

[Winterhouse Symposium on Design Education and Social Change](#): Convened to form the basis for a collaborative network, 13 educators from a variety of design and business programs discussed the challenges and objectives of social-change initiatives...Challenges. Conclusions. Next Steps. By [Willam Drenttel](#) and [Julie Lasky](#) - [Change Observer](#)

[Starchitecture: The Next Generation](#): Buffalo is working hard to churn out its own starchitects - starting in high school. The new Architecture and Design Academy at the International Preparatory School at Grover...Discover Design...Looks like we know where Cooper Union's class of 2018 is right now. - [The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[The 2010 Spark Design & Architecture Awards announced](#): 59 audacious designs take top honors -- [Nest Architecture](#); [Marmol Radziner](#); [Aidlin Darling Design](#); [Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\)](#); etc. [links to images, info] - [Spark](#)

[Call for entries: 2011 Richard Kelly Grant](#): to recognize and encourage creative thought and activity in the use of light, the Grant is open to anyone under the age of 35 and working in the art and/or science of illumination in the U.S., Canada or Mexico; deadline: [March 31, 2011](#) - [Illuminating Engineering Society of North America \(IESNA\)](#)



-- [Santiago Calatrava: Museum of Tomorrow, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil](#)
-- [Kimmel Eshkolot Architects: The Davidson Center, Jerusalem, Israel](#)

Note: Pages will open in a new browser window.
External news links are not endorsed by ArchNewsNow.com.
Free registration may be required on some sites.
Some pages may expire after a few days.

[Yesterday's News](#)

© 2010 ArchNewsNow.com